

November 20 2006

Present: Ms. Gae Elfenbein
Mr. John Goerlach
Mr. Richard Walsh
Mr. Paul Boudreau, Town Administrator

The meeting was opened by Ms. Elfenbein at 7:00 p.m.

Warrants: No Warrants

7:00 - 7:15 - Public Comment

Joseph Trybus with a request for a curb cut on CURB CUT
North Main Street. Motion made by Mr. Goerlach to
allow the curb cut for North Main Street with
stipulations that there is a house number assigned
and a culvert is installed if needed and a 4' apron,
seconded by Mr. Walsh. Unanimously voted.

Joe Scelsi, Mark Seigors of the Mall and Ron Tinkham TAX RATE
from Baker Hill Road expressing their concern in the
possibility of a split tax rate.

Thomas Scanlon, Jr., Auditor also present was Town AUDITOR
Accountant, Bruce Durwin. Mr. Scanlon presented the
Board with the auditor's recommendations for FY2005.
Mr. Scanlon also went over the auditor's suggestions
for FY2004 and the status of these suggestions. Mr.
Scanlon reported that the Town has complied with all
of the suggestions. He did suggest that stabilization
should be around 5% of the operating budget and the
Town of Lanesborough is currently around 2.4%.

Assessors, Glen Bean and Rich Wade. Mr. Bean TAX RATE
explained that even though the actual Tax
Classification Hearing is scheduled for December 4,
2006 he had some information for the Board regarding
small business owners in Town.

Motion made by Mr. Goerlach to accept the minutes of ACCEPTED
the November 15, 2006 meeting as amended seconded MINUTES
by Ms. Elfenbein. Mr. Goerlach, yes; Ms. Elfenbein,
yes; Mr. Walsh abstained as he was not at the meeting
on the 15th.

Administrator's Report

Mr. Boudreau reported that he received another letter from Attorney McCarthy regarding the Hoyt property. According to Attorney McCarthy there has been an increase in the offer to \$50,000. In his letter he respectfully requests that the Town maintain a 12% discount on the funds owed. Attorney McDonald enclosed a copy of the purchase and sale agreement showing the change. Motion made by Mr. Walsh to discount by 12% the liens owed by Mr. Hoyt to the Town of Lanesborough on his property at 14 Hollow Road contingent upon sale of the property, seconded by Mr. Goerlach. Unanimously voted.

HOYT
PROPERTY

Mr. Boudreau reported that the Perc test is scheduled for Wednesday, November 22, 2006 on the Spring property.

SPRING
PROPERTY
PERC TEST

Mr. Boudreau reported that he still has not heard from Attorney Burbank about the title search on the Spring Property. Ms. Elfenbein said that she would call him tomorrow.

SPRING
PROPERTY
TITLE
SEARCH

Mr. Boudreau said that he has set a tentative date of December 6th for the joint water district and sewer commission meeting.

JOINT
WATER &
SEWER

End Administrator's Report

Mail

Request for a Heavy Vehicle Use/Temporary Access Permit from Dennis Condron for logging on North Main Street for Richard Pantesmehl.

LOGGING
PERMIT

Correspondence from Berkshire County ARC thanking the Town for their support for their request for a HUD811 grant which was received in the amount of \$576,000.

BARC

Received WEMCO 2007 Yearly Operational Plan.

WEMCO

Correspondence from the Department of Housing and Community Development regarding Technical Assistance and Guidance under M.G.L. Chapter 79A, Relocation Assistance.

DH&CD

End of mail

Old Business

The Board acted on a curb cut request made by John Goerlach. Motion made by Mr. Walsh to grant the curb cut to John Goerlach for 34 Bridge Street with the stipulation that a 4' apron and culvert be installed, seconded by Ms. Elfenbein. Mr. Walsh, yes; Ms. Elfenbein, yes; Mr. Goerlach abstained.

CURB CUT

Ms. Elfenbein would like to have some one from the Lanesborough Elementary School Committee attend the up coming ethics seminar being held in Hancock.

ETHICS
SEMINAR

The Board asked that a notice be posted stating that the Town is looking for a replacement for the Emergency Management Director's position.

EMERGENCY
MANAGEMENT

New Business

Mr. Walsh thinks that since Joseph Evangelisto has gotten his hoisting license a motion should be made to increase his pay accordingly. The Board decided to wait until his 3-month probation period is up.

HIGHWAY
DEPARTMENT

Mr. Walsh stated that Bridge Street is officially open and it is already being used as a speedway to Goodell Road.

BRIDGE
STREET

Mr. Goerlach asked when the lettering on the Animal Control vehicle is going to be done. Mr. Goerlach reported that he has received reports that the vehicle has been seen parked at BMC. Mr. Goerlach's main concern is that it is being used for personal transportation and it is covered on the town's insurance. The Board stated that Mr. Skubel must get the truck lettered and park it in the lot Town Hall.

ANIMAL
CONTROL
TRUCK

Mr. Goerlach also reported that Mr. Decelles is looking into getting the new Highway Department pickup lettered.

HIGHWAY
DEPARTMENT
TRUCK

Ms. Elfenbein stated that there has been a Heavy Vehicle Use/Temporary Access Permit received from

LOGGING
PERMIT

Joseph Keifer for logging operations filed on behalf of Mr. Petricca on Partridge Road. Motion
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made by Mr. Walsh to allow a Heavy Vehicle Use/Temporary Access Permit for logging on Mr. Petricca's property on Partridge Road with the following changes: ...changing the opening as requested by the Tree Warden and to also install culverts where shown, seconded by Mr. Goerlach. Unanimously voted.

LOGGING
PERMIT
CONT'D

Ms. Elfenbein stated that there has been a Heavy Vehicle Use/Temporary Access Permit received from Thomas L. Anderson for logging operations filed on behalf of Raymond and Starr Rickman on Ore Bed Road and Silver Street. Motion made by Mr. Goerlach to allow Heavy Vehicle Use/Temporary Access Permit for logging on the corner of Ore Bed Road and Silver Street for Raymond and Starr Rickman, seconded by Mr. Walsh who added to the motion that should weather elements become a situation that the work will cease unless the Highway Department. Unanimously voted.

LOGGING
PERMIT

Ms. Elfenbein said that the Board should clarify the length of the terms for the members of the newly formed Agricultural Commission. The Board stated that terms will be 3-year terms. To stagger the terms, it was decided to appoint Prudence Barton to a 3-year term Peter H. Gallant, Sr. to a 2-year term and Marvin W. Michalak to a 1-year term. The Selectmen can also appoint 2 alternates for one year each.

AGRICULTURAL
COMMISSION

Upon motion made by Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Goerlach, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

MEETING
ADJOURNED